

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3704  
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USE OF PESTICIDES  
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the vegetables sold in the markets are sprinkled or mashed with pesticides to keep them free from pests and provide a shining look;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to check the use of pesticides on vegetables and propose to bring them under the Food Adulteration Act; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (d) The tolerance limits of pesticides residues in different food articles including vegetables are prescribed under the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 (PFA) and the Rules framed thereunder administered by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Violation thereof is a punishable offence under the Act.

The Food (Health) Authorities of the States/UTs are responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the PFA to keep a strict vigil on the presence of pesticides residues in different food articles including vegetables.